

Wycombe get point with late goal

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE WANDS 1 : WOKING 1

ERRATIC marksmanship marred Wycombe Wanderers' display after superior approach work in their Isthmian League game against Woking this afternoon and the goalkeepers were rarely seriously tested in an unexciting first half.

Wycombe: Syrett; Beck, Moring; Truett, Fisher, Fryer; Rockell, Trott, Bates, Howson, Tomlin.

Woking: Burley; Taylor, Parsons; Dowse, Turner, Ilsley; Collins, Hebdon, Mortimore, Reynolds, Harris.

Referee: O W Woan (Kensington).

After an early spell of Woking pressure Wycombe started a series of right wing moves, from one of which Howson shot wide from a pass by Bates.

Then Bates got through on the left flank and his pass across the goalmouth was almost deflected home by Tomlin—a narrow escape for Woking.

SHOTS JUST WIDE

With the Woking defence showing some uncertainty as Wycombe stepped up the pace, two long shots by Bates went just wide and Howson missed an easy chance a couple of feet from goal from a Tomlin pass.

Woking switched Mortimore from the centre to the right wing but their attacks lacked final drive and Mortimore was well marked by Moring.

A little later Woking got the ball in, but were ruled offside and in another raid Syrett saved well from Harris.

Wycombe's best move came from Bates. Trott's neat header from his centre was well saved by Burley, however. Then Rockell twice just failed to score when given easy chances.

Just before half-time Collins got the ball in again for Woking, but the goal was disallowed for obstruction.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 0, Woking 0.

Ten minutes after the interval, after some dull play, HEBDON chased a pass out to the right wing and when Syrett went out to cover him, he hit the ball back across the goalmouth where Beck, attempting to clear, only succeeded in banging the ball into the net.

EQUALISER

Halves and backs pressed up with the forwards as Wycombe fought for an equaliser and 10 minutes before the end ROCKELL found the mark with a centre which fell over the goalkeeper's head into the back of the net.

Wycombe threw everything into a storming finish, but Woking packed their goal.

RESULT:

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WOKING 1

Wycombe wake up —save a point

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STRANGELY subdued for most of the game, Wycombe produced a storming climax to save a point against Woking. Neither goalkeeper was seriously tested in a goalless first half in which the Wycombe forwards were badly off target.

With Mortimore switched to the right wing and 19-year-old Matthew Collins adopting a roving role in his first appearance for the senior side at centre forward, Woking were no more effective in front of goal.

But Woking twice got the ball into the net, once from an offside position and again just after the referee had whistled for obstruction.

The spark the game needed was provided in the second half when Woking took the lead. Hebdon, liveliest of their forwards, drew Syrett from his goal, and right-back Back, attempting to clear, deflected the shot into his own net.

The goal started a belated Wycombe revival which had Woking defending stoutly.

With Tomlin inspiring many brisk attacks on the left, and centre forward Paul Bates probing tirelessly, Wycombe kept up a series of attacks which, despite some smart saves by Burley, brought an equaliser 10 minutes before the end when a centre by Rockell deceived the goalkeeper.

Although Wycombe fought desperately for the winner, Woking packed their goal well.